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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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**Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee; Notice Inviting
Nominations of Individuals to Serve on the Committee**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing – Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Housing and Urban Development invites the public to nominate individuals for appointment, with the approval of the Secretary, to the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee (MHCC), a federal advisory committee established by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, as amended by the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000.

DATES: The Department will accept nominations on a continuing basis. The Department may make appointments from nominations on file or from nominations submitted in response to this Notice. Nominations not selected for appointments to a current vacancy will be retained for two years and may be considered for vacancies as they arise during that period. To be considered for appointment to a position of an MHCC member whose term expires on December 31, 2011, the nomination should be submitted by December 15, 2011.

SUBMISSION ADDRESS: Nominations must be in writing and may be submitted to: MHCC Nominations, National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO Box 9101, Quincy, MA 02269-9101, ATTN: Robert Solomon; or by email to mhccaoffice@nfpa.org; or by fax to MHCC Nomination at 617-984-7110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry S. Czauski, Acting Deputy

Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 9164, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone number 202-708-6401 (this is not a toll-free number). For hearing and speech-impaired persons, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 604 of the Manufactured Housing Improvement Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-569) amended the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401-5426) (Act) to require the establishment of the MHCC, a federal advisory committee, to: (1) provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the manufactured housing construction and safety standards; and (2) to provide periodic recommendations to the Secretary to adopt, revise, and interpret the procedural and enforcement manufactured housing regulations, including regulations specifying the permissible scope and conduct of monitoring. The Act authorizes the Secretary to appoint a total of twenty-two members to the MHCC. Twenty-one members have voting rights; the twenty-second member represents the Secretary and is a non-voting position. Service on the MHCC is voluntary. Travel and per diem for meetings is provided in accordance with federal travel policy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5703.

HUD seeks highly qualified and motivated individuals who meet the requirements set forth in the Act to serve as voting members of the MHCC for up to two terms of three years. The MHCC expects to meet four times annually. Meetings may take place by conference call or in

person. Members of the MHCC undertake additional work commitments on subcommittees and task forces regarding issues under deliberation.

Nominee Selection and Appointment

Members of the Consensus Committee are appointed to serve in one of three member categories. Nominees will be appointed to fill voting member vacancies in the following categories:

1. Producers- Seven producers or retailers of manufactured housing.
2. Users - Seven persons representing consumer interests, such as consumer organizations, recognized consumer leaders, and owners who are residents of manufactured homes.
3. General Interest and Public Officials - Seven general interest and public official members.

The Act provides that the Secretary shall ensure that all interests directly and materially affected by the work of the MHCC have the opportunity for fair and equitable participation without dominance by any single interest; and may reject the appointment of any one or more individuals in order to ensure that there is not dominance by any single interest. For purposes of this determination, dominance is defined as a position or exercise of dominant authority, leadership, or influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation.

Additional requirements governing appointment and member service include:

(1) Nominees appointed to the Producer category, and three of the individuals appointed to the General Interest and Public Official category shall not have a significant financial interest in any segment of the manufactured housing industry; or a significant relationship to any person engaged in the manufactured housing industry.

(2) Each member serving in the Producer category shall be subject to a ban disallowing compensation from the manufactured housing industry during the period of, and during the one year following, his or her membership on the MHCC.

(3) Nominees selected for appointment to the MHCC shall be required to provide disclosures and certifications regarding conflict-of-interest and eligibility for membership prior to finalizing an appointment.

All selected nominees will be required to submit certifications of eligibility under the foregoing criteria as a prerequisite to final appointment.

Consensus Committee – Advisory Role

The MHCC's role is solely advisory to the Secretary on the subject matter described above.

Federal Advisory Committee Act

The MHCC is subject to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix), and to the Presidential Memorandum, dated June 18, 2010, directing all heads of executive departments and agencies not to make any new appointments or reappointments of federally registered lobbyists to advisory committees and other boards and commissions.”

Term of Office

Consensus Committee members serve at the discretion of the Secretary or for a three-year term and for up to two terms.

Nominee Information

Individuals seeking nomination to the MHCC should submit detailed information documenting their qualifications as addressed in the Act and this Notice. Individuals may nominate themselves. An application form is available at

<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/PDF/CodesStandards/MHCCApplication.pdf>.

HUD recommends that the application form be accompanied by a resume.

Additional Information

Appointments will be made at the Secretary's discretion.

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Housing – Federal Housing Commissioner

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